

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 3-9 and 13-15 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, 10-12 and 16-22 are rejected. Claims 1, 12 and 20-22 are herein amended. No new claims have been added. No new matter is believed to have been entered through the various claim amendments. Furthermore, upon belief, it is respectfully submitted that this paper is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

**Claims 1, 2, 10-12, 16-18, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shimizu et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2002/0041239, hereinafter "Shimizu").**

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended to recite, "... said guide determining unit determines whether the object should be moved close to said shooting unit or away from said shooting unit, by comparing a size of the object in the image shot by said shooting unit and a size of the object represented by the expected shooting state information, and said guide instruction outputting unit outputs a guidance instruction for moving the object close to said shooting unit or moving the object away from said shooting unit, based on determination by said guide determining unit." It is respectfully submitted that the cited art fails to describe at least the aforementioned recitations of claim 1 of the present application.

Support for the aforementioned amended features may be found in at least, FIGS. 4 and 5.

As recited, according to the shooting device of claim 1, a size of the object in the image shot by the shooting unit and a size of the object represented by the expected shooting state information are compared. Then, it is determined whether the object should be moved close to the shooting unit or away from the shooting unit according to the comparison.

Shimizu discloses a parking aid system having a driver initially stop the subject vehicle alongside a target parking position so that a mark provided inside a door coincides with the central line of the target parking position when assisting the driver with left reverse parking. The subject vehicle is a predetermined distance away from an entrance of the target parking position, when the driver turns the operation switch ON. A display unit then displays the target parking position, the subject vehicle position, and an expected parking position. The expected parking position is set at a position that the subject vehicle reaches when reversing with the steering wheel turned fully to the left. Therefore, when the driver moves the subject vehicle forward to a position where the expected parking position coincides with the target parking position and reverses the subject vehicle from that position through 90 degrees while turning the steering wheel fully to the left, the subject vehicle can reliably be guided to the target parking position.

(Abstract)

However, in Shimizu, a size of the object in the image shot by the shooting unit and a size of the object represented by the expected shooting state information is NOT compared. That is to say, Shimizu fails to disclose “guide determining unit determines whether the object should be moved close to said shooting unit or away from said shooting unit, by comparing a size of the object in the image shot by said shooting unit and a size of the object represented by the expected

shooting state information” as recited in claim 1 of the present application. Therefore, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the prior art.

Claims 2, 10-12, and 16-18 depend from claim 1, and are patentable for at least the reason of their respective dependencies therefrom. Claim 20-22, as amended, recite somewhat similar subject matter to that of claim 1. Therefore, claims 2, 10-12, 16-18, and 20-22 also patentably distinguish over the prior art for somewhat similar reasons to that of claim 1 as presented above. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under §102.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

**Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu in view of Shimazaki et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2002/0198634, hereinafter “Shimazaki”).**

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Shimazaki was cited for allegedly describing a unit for generating stereophonic sound. However, Shimazaki also fails to disclose the guide determining unit recited in claim 1. In addition, claim 19 depends from claim 1. Therefore, claim 19 patentably distinguishes over the

prior art for somewhat similar reasons to that of claim 1 of the present application, and further, claim 19 is patentable for at least the reason of its respective dependency therefrom. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under §103.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

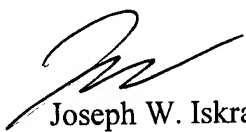
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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